

INTRODUCTION

An integral part of the City of Fort Lauderdale's budget is the funding for its Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). The five-year plan is based on City Commission CIP policies and CIP Committee deliberations, and in recognition of the need to have a comprehensive and financially-balanced plan. Under the guidance of the City Manager, the CIP has been assembled by the Capital Improvement Committee, which is comprised of ten top management personnel. The Committee is responsible for developing the plan for meeting and managing the recognized needs, and for controlling the CIP approved by the Commission.

A capital improvement project must meet the following criteria:

1. Represent a physical improvement;
2. Have an anticipated life of not less than 10 years;
3. Cost \$5,000 or more.

The CIP is prepared in light of the Commission guidelines for the use of debt as noted on pages 32 - 34. The Plan has seven components including a general plan funded by general government resources, enterprise plans to provide for capital improvements for the City's enterprise operations, and a plan for the Community Development Block Grant Program.

IMPACT ON OPERATING BUDGET

Expenditures for capital improvements are not included in the adopted operating budget. The CIP is prepared and approved independently except for the budgeted transfers from operating funds to the Capital Improvement Program. (Notice the CIP transfers referred to in the fund tables under "Other Financial Uses" in the Financial Section of this book.)

In the Parks and Recreation Department, many facilities will be opening or newly renovated during this year including: a new pool and water playground at Croissant Park Recreation Center, a new Beach Community Center, Lauderdale Manors pool and water playground, and Warfield Park expansion. Air conditioning was installed at Carter Park Gym and will be installed in Holiday Park Gym during this year. For salaries, supplies, materials and equipment for these projects, \$396,000 has been added to the budget. Maintenance of many new areas recently constructed will become necessary at facilities including Snyder Park Bark Park, 17th Street Causeway, Floranada, Holiday Park Phase III, George English Park and Palm Aire. \$220,000 has been added to the FY 2001/2002 budget for staffing, supplies and equipment.

The Public Services Department is embarking on a \$550 million CIP Program over the next 10+ years. This program includes major improvements at the water and wastewater treatment facilities, continuing replacement of water and wastewater force mains, continuing relining of gravity sewer mains as well as installing sewers in the rest of the City.

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To support this major CIP Program, additional staff has been added as follows:

- 3 new positions and 6 positions transferred from Engineering to a new Utilities Engineering Division (\$1,348,343 includes operating costs)
- 8 new positions and 1 position transferred from the Parks Bond Program in Engineering (\$444,113)
- 1 new position in Finance (\$60,000)
- 2 new positions in the City Attorneys Office (\$150,000)
- 1 new position in the City Auditors Office (\$57,950)

The Engineering Services Bureau of the Public Services Department is working on an accelerated CIP which will generate \$34 million worth of recapitalization projects to be completed over the next three to five years. This includes approximately \$7 million of additional projects (over and above what was originally intend under the non-accelerated CIP) in FY 2001/2002.

To support this effort, 3 new positions have been added and 9 positions have been transferred in from the Parks Bond Program (\$910,172).

The remainder of the City's CIP projects are for recapitalization and reconstruction of existing facilities and infrastructure and as such, do not impact the operating budget.

The attached five-year CIP was presented to the City Commission for conceptual approval at their November 6, 2001 meeting. On November 8, 2001 it was presented to the Budget Advisory Board. Final consideration and formal adoption occurred at the November 20, 2001 Regular Commission meeting. A separate, more detailed document (Capital Improvement Plan) includes specific information about the individual projects for all funds.